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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 21, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully and timely submitted. A petition for extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith along with the appropriate fees.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 39-40 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 32 and 38 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A strip lighting device which includes:

an elongate housing that is at least partially translucent;

a multiplicity of light sources arranged at intervals on ribbon cable support strips within said housing, wherein said light sources are substantially not visible to human eyes when not activated and viewed from outside said housing, and substantially not distinguishable when activated and viewed from outside said housing; and

means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from said light sources whereby on activation of the light sources, said housing glows when viewed from the outside so as to form a strip or line of light.

32. (Thrice Amended) A housing assembly for strip lighting, including:

an elongate housing defining an enclosure for multiple light sources and being at least partly of a translucent material, wherein said multiple light sources are arranged at intervals on

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